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Kaladi to Manjapra Proverthy Cutcherry, thence to Chully and Aiyampuzha and the allotment of a fund in the P. W. budget for the improvement of the existing communications of the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer is arranging for the investigation of the road.

ALANGAD TALUK.

95. Raising the standard of the Kottapuram Upper Primary School.

Mr. S. Achutha Menon (Member, Alangad Taluk) represented that the standard of the Kottapuram Upper Primary School might be raised to that of a Middle School. The Member also complained against the order of Government closing the English School at Edapalli. This was very hard. The Member prayed that the Government might re-consider that order.

Dewan's reply.—The Kottapuram Lower Grade Elementary School will be raised in standard. The grounds put forward for re-opening the Edapalli English School are not adequate. If there are sufficient pupils, you may represent matters to the Director, who will see to it.

96. Inconvenience of the people of Edapalli in paying their tax in paddy.

Mr. S. Achutha Menon (Member, Alangad Taluk) represented the inconvenience experienced by the people of Edapalli Thekkumbhagom and Vadakkumbhagom, who were granted pattahs in the recent settlement whereby they were required to pay their whole tax in paddy—a deviation from the existing practice consequent on the abolition of tax in kind.

Dewan's reply.—The order of Government abolishing taxation in kind was not meant to apply to Edapalli. Edapalli Thekkumbhagom and Vadakkumbhagom have been all through paying their taxes on their wet lands in paddy. The Settlement Department have rightly left the practice undisturbed.

PARUR TALUK.

97. Reduction either in the vilayartham or the tax of the kuthakapattom holdings in Munambom.

Mr. Achutha Panikar (Member, Parur Taluk) requested that Government might be pleased to reconsider their order and sanction a reduction either in the *vilayartham* or the tax of the *kuthakapattom* holdings in Munambom.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

QUILON DIVISION.

QUILON TALUK.

98. Acreage value fixed on the Cantonment lands (at Quilon).

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) said that the Government order fixing an acreage value

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of Rs. 1,000 on the Cantonment lands at Quilon was hard and required re-consideration.

Dewan's reply.—This will be re-considered at Quilon, in consultation with the Quilon Dewan Peishkar and the people interested.

99. The re-establishment of the Magistrate's Court at Paravoor.

Mr. C. Raman Tampi (Member, Quilon Taluk) being unable to be present, he was represented by Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay. The latter said that the First Class Magistrate at Quilon was pressed with all manner of work, having to attend to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Magistrates' duties. A Magistrate's Court at Paravoor would, the Member submitted, certainly relieve a good deal of the congestion in the Quilon First Class Magistrate's Court.

Dewan's reply.—A Magistrate's Court will be re-established at Paravoor.

100. Protection of the coast of Quilon from the erosion of the sea.

Mr. Stephen Joseph (Member, Roman Catholic Associations) stated that, considering the geographical position of the town of Quilon, which was situated at a very low elevation facing the sea and was bounded by the lake on the north from which ran a canal right across the town, it afforded little or no natural defence against the powerful erosion of the sea. He therefore requested that the Government m ght be pleased to take an early opportunity to study the nature of the tidal waves and to erect some protective works such as groynes or a sea-wall.

Dewan's reply.—Government understand that no action is now necessary in the matter. The erosion has stopped. The sea is receding. Should there be a recurrence of the danger, action would be taken. The Chief Engineer has been taking observations.

PATHANAPURAM TALUK.

101. Transfer of the Mylom proverthy from the Pathanapuram Magistracy to that of Kottarakara.

Mr. Nilacanta Pillai (Member, Pathanapuram Taluk) urged the necessity of transferring the Mylom proverthy from the jurisdiction of the Pathanapuram Magistrate to that of Kottarakara, as has been done in regard to Registration, in consideration of the fact that Mylom was nearer to Kottarakara than to Pathanapuram.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

102. State of the Punalur bridge.

Mr. D. G. Cameron (Member, South Travancore Planters' Association) being absent, was represented by Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay. The latter said that the Punalur bridge was in a state of disrepair and he invited the early attention of the Government to the subject.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer says that the iron materials for repairing the bridge are expected shortly

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